

# Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District



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Carol Sutkus  
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California Air Resources Board  
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Subject: Submittal of Reasonably Available Control Technology Revision to Western Nevada County State Implementation Plan (RACT SIP) for the 2008 Federal Ozone Standard, for transmittal to EPA

Dear Ms. Sutkus:

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD) encompasses the California counties of Nevada, Plumas and Sierra. In 2012, Western Nevada County was designated and classified Marginal Nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.075 ppm. Effective June 2016, the Area was bumped up to a Moderate Nonattainment classification for the 2008 standard. This submission addresses requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS, and includes a Negative Declaration for numerous RACT source categories. In the course of previous SIP submittals, the NSAQMD had submitted all required RACT-related rule revisions, and this submission brings Western Nevada County's RACT SIP up to date.

The federal Clean Air Act §172(c)(1) requires nonattainment areas to implement Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT). §183 requires EPA to issue Control Techniques Guidelines (CTGs) for identified categories of stationary sources, which serve to define RACT. §182(b)(2)(A) requires states to submit State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions addressing the CTGs. Accordingly, the NSAQMD has adopted rules and negative declarations for all CTGs issued to date.

On March 26, 2018, the NSAQMD Board of Directors held a public hearing, following a public notice period of more than 30 days, at which the accompanying Negative Declaration was approved. No public comments were received. With adoption of this Negative Declaration it appears that all existing RACT requirements for the Western Nevada County nonattainment area have been fulfilled.

Pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix V, the NSAQMD is hereby submitting: 1) The District's Board-adopted Negative Declaration as a RACT SIP Revision; 2) Proof of public notice; and 3) Board resolution indicating adoption of the Negative Declaration and certification that existing rules continue to meet current RACT.

The NSAQMD requests that ARB transmit the enclosed RACT SIP Revision to EPA in fulfillment of RACT requirements under the Clean Air Act.

Please contact me (530-274-9360 x102; [gretchen@myairdistrict.com](mailto:gretchen@myairdistrict.com)) or Sam Longmire of my staff (530-274-9360 x106; [sam@myairdistrict.com](mailto:sam@myairdistrict.com)) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gretchen Bennett".

Gretchen Bennett,  
Air Pollution Control Officer

Enclosures:

- 1) District-adopted RACT SIP Revision for transmittal to EPA
- 2) Evidence of public notice
- 3) Board resolution indicating that a public hearing was held and that the Negative Declaration was adopted by the NSAQMD Board of Directors

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